

Wed., July 24, 1974
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From Laguna Beach

From Capitol Hill

**From Athens, comes today's news. Good evening,
everybody. This is Reid Collins.**

NIXON TAPES

President Nixon has decided to comply with the Supreme Court order to surrender Watergate tapes of sixty-four White House conversations, a reliable Congressional source said Wednesday night.

The White House has prepared its first official reaction to this day's supreme Court decision declaring Mr. Nixon must surrender tapes and documents detailing sixty-four White House conversations.

The ruling was unanimous, eight to nothing, with Justice Rehnquist not participating. The court found that executive privilege must stand aside in favor of the due process, in this case, evidence to be used in upcoming Watergate coverup trials.

Tonight, fifteen miles from San Clemente, in Laguna Beach, California, the chief attorney for the President, James St. Clair, is preparing to give the White House position on the decision to the nation.

On Capitol Hill there has been near-unanimous opinion from lawmaker that the President would signal another constitutional storm should he choose to defy the court.

The House Judiciary committee has tried to get some

of the tapes involved in today's court decision, but it was not a party to the lawsuit and whatever the tapes contain would not become generally available until after the September Watergate trials.

The House Committee opens its public debate in half an hour - the proceedings to be heard live over many of these CBS Radio Network stations.

More news after this message

WESTERN WHITE HOUSE

The Western White House has announced its response to the Supreme Court decision of this morning ruling that the President must relinquish tapes and papers relating to sixty-four White House conversations wanted by prosecutor Jaworski.

Correspondent Bernard Kalb has the story from the Presidential party in California.

The great suspense ended with a statement of less than two and a half minutes. President Nixon saying that while he was disappointed with the finding of the Supreme Court he would respect and accept the tribunal's decision and that he has instructed his chief defense lawyer, James St. Clair, to take whatever measures are necessary to comply with that decision in all respects. The President's response came some eight hours after the decision was handed down in Washington. It was St. Clair, not Mr. Nixon who read the President's statement to reporters. In a statement of his own, St. Clair said the process of reviewing the tapes subject to the subpoena and the preparation of the index and analysis required by the Court will begin forthwith. He prefaced the word process with time-consuming, and he provided no indication in his statement of how long it would take before the subpoenaed material would be released. Bernard Kalb, with the Presidential party in California.

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill where there had been near-unanimous feelings that Mr. Nixon would stir a hornet's nest by defiance of the court, word that he would comply was received with relief.

Senator Barry Goldwater, the Arizona Republican, said the news should be reassuring to the people."

Vice President Ford said it shows the President's respect for the law.

*On Capitol Hill, the House Judiciary Committee
has opened its inquiry to the public and launched its debate.*

Correspondent George Herman has that story:

TEXAS

At the Texas penitentiary in Huntsville, a number of convicts have seized eleven hostages, the majority of them teachers instructing high school subjects behind the prison walls. A security guard was wounded in the take over of the prison library.

One of the leaders of the insurrection is described as a convict wanted for a score or more murders in Mexico.

GREECE

Constantin Karamanlis assumed the Premiership of Greece today, swore in a government of intended national unity and announced that Greece recognizes Archbishop Makarios as the legal President of Cyprus.

The Foreign Ministers of Turkey, Greece and Britain are to meet in Geneva tomorrow to try to iron out the recent ~~Es~~tern Mediterranean difficulties.

CYPRUS

But the situation on Cyprus itself remains shaky.

Secretary General Waldheim has summoned an emergency meeting of the U N Security Council an hour from now to deal with a dangerous situation at the airport in Nicosia. There United Nations troops have been involved in a near confrontation with Turkish troops, a situation near the firing point.

TURKEY

Turkey today admitted it lost a destroyer during the Cyprus landing. The fact first came to light when Israeli boats picked up forty-two survivors of the sinking. The Turks said they feared some eighty of their fellow seamen had drowned. No official cause for the destroyer-sinking was given, but it was thought to have fallen victim to a Turkish plane making a mistake attack.

SENATE

The Senate has passed and sent to the house a watered down education measure that allows for some busing to end school segregation.

The compromise was passed, eighty-one to fifteen and sends the twenty-five billion dollar measure back to the house where anti busing sentiment is stronger. The house preference is for a bill that forbids busing a student beyond the school next-closest to his home.

PARIS

The new look in Paris this week - the old sack look; but carried to new extremes today - by famed fashion designer Yves St. Laurent; who covered his sacks - with yards and yards of chiffon, lace and velvet.

At least one observer noting: "The body simply does not show - between neck and mid-calf." Adding: "They'd make great - maternity dresses."

SIMON

From Treasury Secretary William Simon, who is currently in Paris - a hint today at the possible content of President Nixon's upcoming economic address. Simon saying: "President Nixon will announce tomorrow night important fiscal and economic measures - to reduce demand and encourage production."

CALI

**A self-styled revolutionary who once hijacked a
airliner to Cuba - tried it again today in Colombia.**

**Eduardo Martinez, accompanied by a young woman with a
small baby - this time demanding Two Million in ransom
money. But he never got it. Martinez shot and captured
by a security guard - a Cali in Western Colombia; and a
few hours later - he died of his wounds.**